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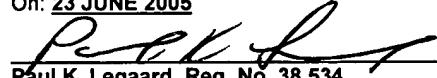
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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This Amendment and Request for Reconsideration is filed in response to the Final Rejection mailed 8 March 2005 and is being filed along with the request for continued examination (RCE) filed herewith in connection with the above-identified patent application. The period for responding to the Office Action has been extended, by enclosure of a petition and appropriate fee, to and through 8 July 2005. Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows.